

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the above amendments, claim 464 has been amended to correct a clerical error, claims 256-261 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 481-518 have been added.

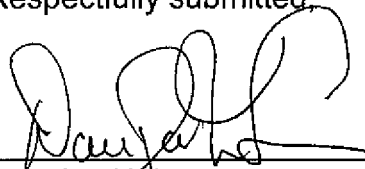
New independent claims 481, 493 and 506 are patentable for at least the following reasons: Claim 481 includes the removal station where some but not all of the liner strips are removed. Claim 493 includes removing the waste strips but not the liner strips. And claim 506 includes removing the liner waste strips from the laminate web.

As all of the claims now pending are in allowable condition, issuance of the Notice of Allowance for this application at an early date is in order and is respectfully requested.

If there are any remaining issues, Examiner Gray is encouraged to telephone the below-signed counsel for Applicants at (310) 785-5384 to seek to resolve them.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0440. Should such additional fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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